

TWO MORE POINTS FOR WANDERERS

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Wycombe Wanderers 4, Dulwich Hamlet 1

TWO more valuable league points for Wanderers, but it could quite well be goals that count when it comes to the final reckoning. Leytonstone, who lead Wanderers at the top of the Isthmian League on goal average, once more kept their goal intact in their 3-0 win on Saturday.

And Wycombe's win over lowly Dulwich was so one-sided it didn't seem true. They had 90 per cent of the play in the first half and only commanded an interval lead of 2-0. They could have had half a dozen had their sense of urgency continued in the penalty area instead of petering out there.

Wycombe's approach work was magnificent, with wingers Worley and Merrick feeding their inside forwards continually. But here the shooting lost that snap. That, and a fine display by the Dulwich 'keeper Ockendon, kept the score down.

Wycombe's two first-half goals were fine efforts by Bates, particularly the second one which he engineered himself. In a good solo run Paul beat three defenders and passed to Horseman who chipped it back to him to round two more Hamlet players and shoot into the goal left-footed.

The first came when Bates got his head to a high cross from Gale and nodded the ball past the advancing Ockendon.

FINE GAME

Merrick, who was given a second chance on the left-wing had a fine game. Urged on by the crowd he made several good runs and put over some fine passes.

He has the ability to beat a man either outside or by cutting in, and is more direct than recent left-wingers.

Wanderers played with a tricky wind behind them in the first half. This, fortunately for Wycombe, eased off in the second period.

Wanderers continued to press after the break. Merrick had two shots, one saved and the other wide, and Ockendon made a good save to a Samuels header. The Dulwich goalkeeper had a fine game and as Wycombe piled on the pressure he saved twice point-blank from Horseman.

In the 79th minute Dulwich broke away and in a rare raid on Maskell's goal pulled a goal back after right-winger Buchan cut in and passed to inside-right Slade who shot as he was tackled.

With Team Manager Barry Darvill's interval pep talk still ringing in their ears, Wanderers began to realise that goals were needed.

They seemed to play with more life, and two minutes after their shock, Merrick broke away down the left and put in some hard work before crossing to Samuels who headed his 10th league goal of the season.

Wycombe began shooting first time instead of trying to tee each other up, and but for a valiant stand by Ockendon, would have had a bagful.

Horseman tried so hard to get a goal to celebrate his selection for an England trial, but he was foiled until the very last minute by the superb Ockendon who saved everything the inside-left could hurl at him.

Horseman won his battle in the 89th minute when he banged the ball home after a frantic goal-mouth scramble.

Of the forwards Worley, Bates and Merrick were outstanding and at half-back Gale sprayed some intelligent passes to his forwards.